HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.PRAKASH RAO

And

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D.APPARAO

Thursday, the 20th day April, 2006

WRIT APPEAL No. 393 of 2006

Between:

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The Depot Manager, APSRTC,

Godavarikhani Depot. .. Appellant

And

B.Ilaiah … Respondent

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JUDGMENT (Per Hon'ble Sri BPR,J)**:**

Heard Smt.Rajani Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for the appellant and Sri P.Govinda Rajulu, learned counsel for the respondent.

2. At their request, the Writ Appeal itself is taken up for disposal at the admission stage.

3. The question involved in this case is whether the punishment of stoppage of annual increment for a period of one year with cumulative effect is a major punishment or minor punishment. In the similar circumstances, a Division Bench of this Court by its common Judgment dated 10-04-2006 passed in W.A.No.340 of 2006 and batch, held that such punishment would amount to a major punishment and therefore, it calls for an enquiry without which, the said proceedings are vitiated. Following the same, we do not find any merits in the appeal.

4. Accordingly, the Writ Appeal is dismissed. No costs.

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(B.PRAKASHRAO,J)

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(**D.APPARAO, J)**

April 20, 2006.

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